

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 and 18-20 have been allowed. Claims 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niikawa et al. (U.S. 2002/0171747) in view of Suzuki (U.S. 5,691,772). Claims 15-17 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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